

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
8:45 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Carlson, Ph.D, BCBA-D
Andrea Chait, Ph.D, BCBA-D
Jeff Liguori, Public Member
Nina Pinnock, Ph.D, BCBA-D

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Varieur, BCaBA

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM on a motion by Jeff Liguori and seconded by Jane Carlson. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the March 15, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jane Carlson and seconded by Jeff Liguori to accept the Open Session minutes of March 15, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Applications received after April 1, 2016
 - a. Nina Pinnock made a motion that Arlene Hartwell approve applications for licensure between today and the next board meeting and that photocopied certifications by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) be verified prior to approval. The motion was seconded by Jeff Liguori and passed by unanimous vote.

4. New Business

- Andrea Chait discussed the need to retain Applied Behavior Analysts and Applied Behavior Assistant Analysts in RI. According to Andrea Chait and Jane Carlson, since the cuts to Medicaid in RI, there are hundreds of children on a waiting list for Home Based Therapy Services. If licensed LBA and LaBA continue to leave RI, the children are likely to remain on the waiting lists.

- i. The board acknowledged that there is a need for legislative support as Massachusetts and Connecticut provide higher rates of payment for Applied Behavior Therapy services.
 1. Arlene Hartwell reminded the board that the Department is part of the executive branch of government so cannot pursue legislative changes.
 - a. Andrea Chait stated that the Community Provider Network of RI advocates for groups requiring legislative support. Other licensees in the state can pursue this avenue of support to seek payment equity.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Jane Carlson and seconded by Jeff Liguori to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:08AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Nina Pinnock and seconded by Andrea Chait at 9:47AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 24 applications for licensure.

8. Adjournment

The next Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 9:00 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Nina Pinnock and seconded by Jeff Liguori to adjourn at 9:54AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlene Hartwell".

Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions